

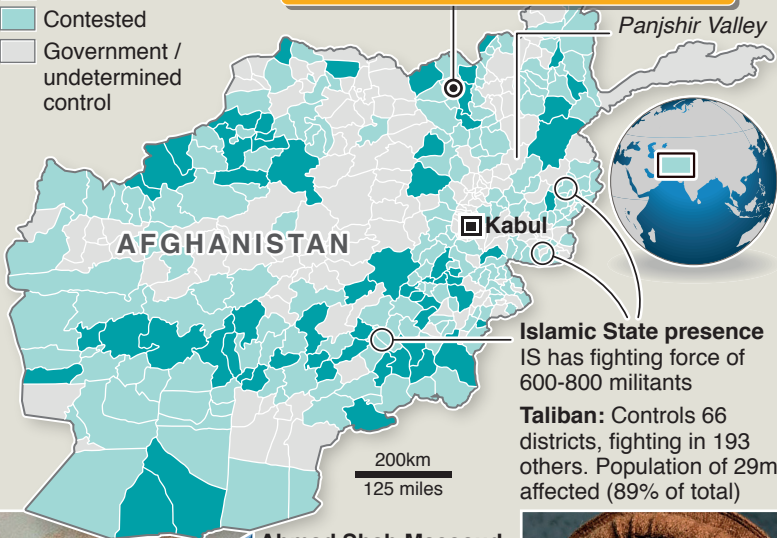
# Heir to “Lion of Panjshir” returns

The son of Ahmad Shah Massoud – the legendary Afghan guerrilla leader who fought both the Soviets and the Taliban – is launching a new political coalition to counter the hardline Islamists

**Taliban presence by district (September 1)**

- Taliban control
- Contested
- Government / undetermined control

**Aug 31, Kunduz:** 20 Afghan security force members, five civilians and 56 militants killed in Taliban attack on city



## ▶ Ahmad Shah Massoud

Dies of his injuries following assassination attempt by Al Qaeda, two days before 9/11 attacks on U.S. which kill almost 3,000 people

## Shah Massoud

Only son, educated in Iran and at Sandhurst military academy in UK. Graduated in War Studies at King's College London before returning to Afghanistan

